



MEMORIAL CELEBRATION FOR
PROFESSOR DAVID D. CARON '83

——— 1952-2018 ———

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2018, 4:00 P.M.

Chevron Auditorium, University of California, Berkeley

David D. Caron – A Life

DAVID WAS BORN ON JUNE 28, 1952, in Hartford, Connecticut, to Rita Lafond Caron and Laurier Caron, immigrants from Coaticook, Quebec, Canada. Older brother Ray and older sister Helen kept exuberant “Davey” in check. Their father’s stroke, when Davey was twelve, gave him responsibilities and channelled his energies to academics. At J.C. Penney High School in East Hartford, Dave Caron was voted most studious, most likely to succeed and most mature.

Coast Guard

WHEN DAVID WAS ASKED, “Why did you choose the Coast Guard Academy for college?” he replied: “I went for many reasons. During Vietnam, I had objections to the war but believed in service to my country. I had both a desire for adventure and a love of the sea. In addition, I was drawn to the excellence and challenge of the Academy.”

However, after being accepted to the Academy, he failed the physical! In order to be admitted he underwent jaw surgery—this required breaking his jaw and putting it back to a “proper” alignment. At the Academy he worked hard and was brigade commander, corps of cadets, and graduated with High Honors in physics and political science in 1974. In addition to working hard at his academics, he was a singer. As a second bass in the Academy Glee Club he sang at both the memorial service for President Harry S. Truman at the National Cathedral and at the second inauguration of President Richard M. Nixon at the White House.

David’s love of the sea and a desire for adventure led him to become a salvage diver. In the Coast Guard he served first in the Arctic as the navigator and salvage diving officer aboard the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Polar Star, and second in San Francisco as the Assistant Chief of Marine Environmental Protection for California. While in the Bay Area he sang with the Oakland Symphony Orchestra.

When asked how the Academy and military experience prepared him for his civilian career, he replied: “The Academy focuses you and focuses one’s life. For many, there seems to be a waiting for some event to provide focus for this one life we have. The Academy awoke that in me. The Academy, and particularly the military, also teaches one to respect everyone and the part that everyone plays. The respect is a central part of a sense of shared community.”

Education

IN 1979, AFTER LEAVING the Coast Guard, David was a Fulbright Scholar to the United Kingdom, attending the University of Wales and receiving a master’s degree in marine law and policy. And he continued singing! Fortune would have it that the Cardiff Polyphonic Choir needed a second bass for one year.

Returning from Wales, David studied law at the University of California, Berkeley, working for Professor Stefan A. Riesenfeld and graduating Order of the Coif, as editor in chief of *Ecology Law Quarterly*, and as co-recipient of the Thelen Marrin Prize for outstanding student scholarship.

Following Berkeley, David served as legal assistant to Judges Richard M. Mosk and Charles N. Brower at the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal. While there, he began his associations with The Hague Academy of International Law, becoming the 25th American to receive its diploma, and with the University of Leiden, where he received his doctorate in law. He thereupon served as a senior research fellow with the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Law.

Professor

DAVID JOINED THE LAW FACULTY of the University of California, Berkeley in 1987 and was named the C. William Maxeiner Distinguished Professor of Law in 1996. He served as co-director of the Law of the Sea Institute and co-director of the Miller Institute on Global Challenges and the Law. A prolific scholar, his writing and teaching addresses international law and organizations, with the corpus of work focusing on public and private international dispute resolution, international courts and tribunals, the United Nations, the law of the sea, international environmental law, climate change and, in general, the roots of international law.

A warm and generous peer and teacher, he participated fully in the Berkeley Law community. He dressed up and played Santa Claus at the annual holiday party and would sing at Am Jur shows where faculty performed alongside students. His singing of “Amazing Grades” and “Grade Me Tender” would end in raucous applause and cheering.

When asked about being a professor, David’s reply was, “Being a mentor to talented research assistants and students is amazingly satisfying and I hope successful. My students serve all over the world, in and out of government. They are simply wonderful people and I feel privileged to know them.”

Dean

DAVID WAS APPOINTED DEAN of the Dickson Poon School of Law, King’s College London in 2013. “I am utterly delighted to be joining King’s College London and in particular its outstanding community of scholars and students.” While at King’s he led a worldwide recruitment campaign for eight new Distinguished Chair positions and a significant number of teaching and research positions, establishing the school as a global centre for legal research and education. And in London he sang: at the Christmas Party he serenaded students; in the office he and his assistant would break into song; and, thanks to an introduction by a generous alum, he sang with the Parliament Choir.

Service to International Law

DAVID'S COMMITMENT to the American Society of International Law (ASIL) was deep and broad. His membership started in 1979 and as a law student he served as president of the Association of Student International Law Societies and thus an ex officio member of the Executive Council. He returned to the ASIL Executive Council as an elected member in 1990, the same year that he won the *American Journal of International Law's* Francis Deak Prize for best article by an author under 40. He served as a vice president of the Society, and as a member of the Program Committee, Honors Committee, Executive Committee, and Nominating Committee. He was a member of the *Journal's* Board of Editors from 2008-2017, and an honorary editor from April 1, 2017. He participated in two interest groups, Disaster Law and International Environmental Law. From 2005-2007, he served as vice president and was president of the Society in 2010-2012. During his presidency, he and his wife, Susan Spencer, moved to Washington and he made Tillar House his base of operations so that he could devote himself to the work of the Society. While president he undertook a strategic planning exercise and developed the concept of the Research Forum, both as a vehicle for geographic outreach for the Society, and to tap into new ideas and innovative scholarship.

David's commitment to service was not limited to ASIL. He served as chair of the Institute of Transnational Arbitration from 2005-2009. And he was either chair of a committee or on the executive committee for numerous organizations including the American Association of Law Schools, the American Bar Association, the American Law Institute, The Hague Academy of International Law, the International Law Association, and the Institut de Droit International. In addition, he was chair of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on the International Legal System from 2010-2012.

Whether in Berkeley and Oakland, London, or The Hague, David and Susan loved bringing together and opening their homes to colleagues, friends, and former students.

Lawyer, Arbitrator and Judge

DAVID WAS ADMITTED to the California State Bar in 1983 and was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2009. He was a bencher of The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple and a member of chambers at 20 Essex Street. He served as an arbitrator in numerous international matters, including from 1996-2003 as commissioner with the Precedent Panel (E2) of the U.N. Compensation Commission in Geneva, which resolved claims arising out of the 1990 Gulf War. He served as counsel for the Marshall Islands Nuclear Claims Tribunal and represented Ethiopia in front of the International Court of Justice. He served as an arbitrator in several North American Free Trade Agreement cases as well as for the International Chamber of Commerce, the International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes, the International Dispute Resolution Center and ad hoc United Nations Commission on International Trade Law proceedings.

In 2015, he was appointed a member of the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal in The Hague. In addition, he served as judge ad hoc in Alleged Violations of Sovereign Rights and Maritime Spaces in the Caribbean Sea (Nicaragua v. Columbia) and judge ad hoc in The Certain Assets Case (Iran v. the United States of America) at the International Court of Justice in The Hague.

Family

DAVID WAS A DEVOTED, generous and sensitive father. From playing games in the swimming pool, to boogie boarding in the Pacific, to scuba diving in Bonaire, he shared his love of fun, the ocean and adventure with Peter and Marina. The three of them loved comic books, science fiction and fantasy, going to see the latest Marvel movie or watching new episodes of Japanese animation ninja adventure series Naruto. He shared his passion for travel with his children as well, one summer taking them on a road trip around Iceland while reading the Icelandic sagas together. These, and other unforgettable gifts, exemplify David's dedication to instilling a sense of joy and curiosity, along with courage, in his children, representing the world as full of possibility, beautiful unknowns, and exciting challenges.

David and Susan's marriage vows reflect their bond to one another, the partnership created, and the love displayed.

"I promise to always build a temple from the lumber of our lives, to be truthful, trusting, and vulnerable.

I pledge to take time for us to combobulate, to be strong when you lean into me, and to have the courage to lean into you.

I vow to be your beacon—calling, listening to, and encouraging your soul.

I commit to life together for our time here and beyond."

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Opening Music: Ubi Caritas

Welcome

Erwin Chemerinsky
Dean and Jesse H. Choper Distinguished Professor of Law

Tributes by Berkeley Colleagues

Richard M. Buxbaum
Jackson H. Ralston Professor of International Law (Emeritus)

Saira Mohamed
Professor of Law

Musical Interlude

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Tributes by Berkeley Alumni

Lee M. Caplan '00
Partner, International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution, Arent Fox LLP

Asa H. Solway '09
*Senior Legal Adviser to the OSCE High Commissioner
on National Minorities*

LCDR Joel C. Coito '13
*U.S. Coast Guard Liaison Officer, Office of Ocean and
Polar Affairs, Department of State*

Slideshow

Words of Thanks by David's family

Musical Finale

Grade Me Tender
(sung together)

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

comp. unknown, sung by Cian Murphy, friend and co-author

Make me a channel of your peace

Where there is hatred let me bring your love

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord

And where there's doubt, true faith in you

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek

So much to be consoled as to console

To be understood as to understand

To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope

Where there is darkness, only light

And where there's sadness, ever joy

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek

So much to be consoled as to console

To be understood as to understand

To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned

In giving to all men that we receive

And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Grade Me Tender

to the tune of Elvis Presley's Love Me Tender

**Led by the Berkeley Law student a cappella group,
the Pro Bonotes, who invite you to please sing along.**

Grade me tender, grade me sweet

Prof don't let me down

Please don't ruin my GPA

Prof I beg of you

Grade me tender, grade me true

All my dreams fulfilled

For, dear Prof, I adore you

and I always will

Always tender, always sweet

Never let us down

We'll thank you for our degrees

'till the end of time

Grade me tender is your song

Prof you're in our hearts

We'll sing loud in Boalt Hall

and around the world

We'll grade tender, oh dear Prof

'cause you taught us true

We'll be yours through all the years

'till the end of time.

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David's family is grateful to Berkeley Law for hosting this weekend's celebrations and to all David's colleagues and friends for their support.



**Thank you for joining us to honor Professor
David D. Caron's memory and to celebrate his life.**

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